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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN LEADER VISITS QATAR TO BRIEF ON
PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS

1. PALESTINIAN (FATAH) LEADER MAHMUD ABBAS (ABU MAZIN)
VISITED DOHA MAR 25-27. HE CALLED ON AMIR AND MINISTER OF
FINANCE AND PETROLEUM. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS
TO BRIEF AMIR ON RECENT PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC).
USUAL STATEMENTS OF GOQ SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND
PALESTINIAN THANKS FOR THIS SUPPORT WERE ISSUED.

2. IN LONG STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN DAILY "AL ARAB" MARCH 27,
ABBAS REVIEWED BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF PNC. HE OUTLINED
DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD FACED THE CONGRESS, I.E. LEBANESE SITUATION;
INTRA-PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT DIFFICULTIES--REJECTIONISTS VERSUS NON-
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REJECTIONISTS; DIFFERENCES OVER TOUGHENING OR EASING "TEN POINT
PROGRAM"; EXTERNAL PRESSURE FROM U.S. AND OTHER MEDIA TO
AMEND PALESTINE NATIONAL COVENANT ARTICLES WHICH DEAL WITH "RIGHT
OF JEWISH PEOPLE IN PALESTINE"; CONDITIONING OF PALESTINIAN
INVITATION TO GENEVA ON ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTION 242 AND
RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL; ASSASSINATION OF KAMAL JUMBLATT. ABBAS
INDICATED THAT UNFRIENDLY OBSERVERS, AMONG WHOM HE IMPLIED WAS

U.S., WERE COUNTING ON PNC'S BEING WRECKED BY TTHESE CONTRO-
VERSIES.

3. ABBAS CONTINUED THAT OTHER EVENTS, HOWEVER, HAD DICTATED
THAT CONGRESS BE HELD, I.E. RABAT RECOGNITION OF PLO; PLO'S
"ENTRY" INTO UN; UN CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM, WHICH
"ELIMINATED" BASIS FOR PRESENCE OF ISRAEL; UN RESOLUTION ON
PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENT STATE;
LEBANESE SITUATION.

4. ABBAS ENUMERATED PNC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS FOLLOWS: RE-
ELECTION OF KHALID FAHOUM AS PRESIDENT AND RE-ELECTION OF OTHER
OFFICIALS DESPITE DETERMINED OPPOSITION FROM SIAQA AND OTHER
FACTIONS; ISSUANCE OF POLITICAL REPORT, WHICH ABBAS DESCRIBED AS
MORE OF A "PRESS RELEASE" SINCE IT DID NOT INCLUDE EVERYTHING.
HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE ISSUES WHICH HAD TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL,
AND THAT REPORT AS ISSUED HAD BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR
ITS BREVITY AND LACK OF COMPREHENSIVENESGS.

5. ACCORDING ABBAS, SOME OF THE MOST ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE DURING
CONGRESS WAS ON THE SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS,
AND THOSE THAT HAD MADE SUCH CONTACTS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO
SEVERE CRITICISM.

6. ABBAS LEFT TOTAL IMPRESSION THAT THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF
PNC WAS THAT IT SURVIVED RECENT CONCLAVE.
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